

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend paragraph [0005] as follows:

[0005] In one aspect of the invention disclosed hereinafter ~~in Claim 1~~, an airbag device mounted to a motorcycle comprises an airbag.

Please amend paragraph [0014] as follows:

[0014] In the airbag device disclosed in one preferred form ~~Claim 3 depending from either Claim 1 or Claim 2~~, the airbag is disposed in a longitudinal direction of the handlebar section which is long. Typically, the accommodating member (retainer) for accommodating the airbag is disposed in a longitudinal direction of the handlebar section. The long handlebar section is disposed in a wide range opposing (facing) the rider protection area. Therefore, by disposing the airbag over such a wide range in the longitudinal direction of the handlebar section, it is possible to increase directivity regarding protrusion of the airbag, so that this structure is effective in controlling a protruding direction of the airbag.

Please amend paragraph [0015] as follows:

[0015] The invention disclosed in another form ~~Claim 4~~ refers to a motorcycle having any one of the airbag devices described above ~~device of any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ mounted thereto. By this, a motorcycle which can thoroughly protect a rider in an accident by stably and reliably protruding the airbag in the direction of the rider protection area is provided.

Please amend paragraph [0047] as follows:

[0047] For example, the present invention may provide a motorcycle having an airbag device mounted thereto. In the motorcycle, the airbag device is deployed and inflated in a rider protection area in which an airbag is formed in front of a rider, and an engaging portion which is engageable with part of or the entire airbag device is disposed at a handlebar section. In other words, it is possible to use a structure in which the form of the handlebar section of the motorcycle is in correspondence with the form of the airbag device, typically, the form of the retainer. Such a structure provides the same operational advantages as those of the earlier described forms of the invention ~~that is disclosed in Claim 1~~.